Pluck stout men's pillows from below their heads[5]:
This yellow slave
Will knit and break religions ; bless the accurs'd ;
Make the hoar leprosy [6] ador'd ; place thieves,
And give them title, knee, and approbation,
With senators on the bench : this is it [7],
That makes the wappen'd widow wed again [8] ;

s Pluck STOUT men's pillows from below their heads ;] i.e. men who have strength yet remaining to struggle with their distemper. This alludes to an old custom of drawing away the pillow from under the heads of men in their last agonies, to make their departure the easier. But the Oxford editor, supposing *stout* to signify *healthy,* alters it to *sick,* and this he calls emending. WARBURTON.

6 — the hoar leprosy —] So, in P. Holland's translation of Pliny's Natural History," book xxviii. ch. xii. : " — *the foul white leprie* called *elephantiasis"* STEEVENS.

7 — this is it,] Some word is here wanting to the metre. We might either repeat the pronoun — *this ;* or avail ourselves of our author's common introductory adverb, emphatically used—

this it is." STEEVENS.

[8] That makes the WAPPEN*I> widow wed again ;] *Waped* or *tnapperfd* signifies both sorrowful and terrified, either for the loss of a good husband, or by the treatment of a bad. But gold, he says, can overcome both her affection and her fears. WARBURTON.

Of *happened* I have found no example, nor know any meaning. To *awhape* is used by Spenser in his Hubberd's Tale, but I think not in either of the senses mentioned. I would read *wained,* for *decayed by tine.* So., our author, in King Richard III. :

" A beauty-ttjflfwz'jzg, and distressed widow." JOHNSON. In the comedy of The Roaring Girl, by Middleton and Decker, 1611, I meet with a word very like this, which the reader will easily explain for himself, when he has seen the following passage :

" *Moll.* And there you shall *tjoap* with me.
" *Sir B.* Nay, *Moll,* what's that *wap ?*
" *Moll. Wappening* and niggling is all one, the rogue my man can tell you."

Again, in Ben Jonson's Masque of Gypsies Metamorphosed : " Boarded at Tappington, " *Bedded* at *Wappington"*

Again, in Martin Mark-all's Apologie to the Belman of London, 1610 : .** *Niggling* is[1] company-keeping with a woman : this